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FLAT AND TUBULAR FILMS

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action mailed April 24, 2002, please consider the following remarks. Applicant has enclosed with this Amendment a Petition for Extension of Time for one month to make this response timely.

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claim 1 the following rewritten versions of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Three Times Amended) An edible shaped body in the form of a flat or tubular fiber containing film which does not contain collagen and which is based on biopolymers or cleavage products or derivatives thereof and/or synthetic polymers of natural monomers is produced by a process having the following stages: